

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Wayne Rawstern and Mary (Zebroski) Rawstern exchanged their wedding vows on August 16, 1954, at St. Piux X Catholic Rectory in Onida, South Dakota, promising to share their lives and love together for the rest of their days; and,

Whereas, Wayne and Mary gave life and love to six children, Curtis, Dianne, Annette, Jeff, Karen, and Terry, they have thirteen grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; and,

Whereas, The newly-wed couple of 50 years ago has been replaced by two devoted partners who have shared life's beauty and sorrow, and have grown to love one another more because of their common journey; and,

Whereas, In their early years of marriage, Wayne and Mary traveled as Wayne worked road construction and drove race cars – as the children grew older, Wayne and Mary settled in Onida, where Wayne worked for Lamb Chevrolet, later working for Elton Eller and Jerry Zebroski doing farm work, until his retirement – Mary did babysitting and sold Avon, and now is the janitor at Sunrise Bank; and,

Whereas, Wayne enjoys riding his motorcycle, Mary refuses to ride, thus the white teddy bear with the bandana and leather jacket on the motorcycle, but together Wayne and Mary enjoy traveling, camping, and spending time with their family and friends; and,

Whereas, Wayne and Mary's friends and family will gather at the Phoenix Center in Onida, South Dakota, at an open house on August 28, 2004, to honor and celebrate their 50th anniversary with all the good wishes, fanfare, and celebration such a milestone warrants; and,

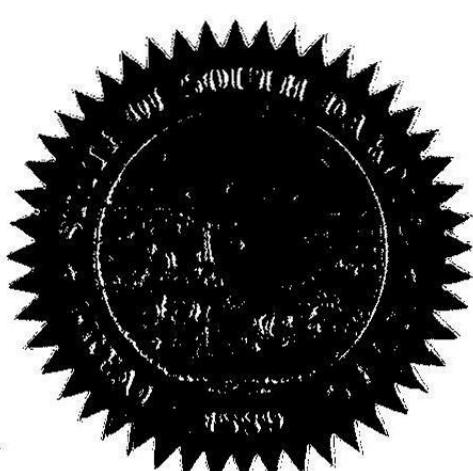
Whereas, It is altogether fitting and proper that the Governor of South Dakota recognizes and commemorates the memorable milestones in the lives of the state's outstanding citizens:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim August 16, 2004, as

WAYNE AND MARY RAWSTERN DAY

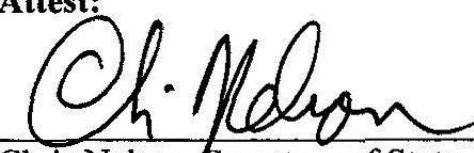
in South Dakota, and I join with the honored couple's family and friends in wishing them continued health and happiness in a state that stands prouder today because of their contributions and commitment.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-first Day of July in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Four.



M. Michael Rounds
M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:



Chris Nelson
Chris Nelson, Secretary of State